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Around the Town

The other night I eased the car up to the garage door, and stopped—for the garage was occupied. It was occupied by a possum, big and fat and nervously scurrying about under the white glare of the headlights.

Wallace's Talk Interpreted As 'Trial Balloon'

—Washington

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Vice President Wallace's proposal for a world council after the war to direct a planned global economy was viewed in some Congressional quarters today as possibly a "trial balloon" for President Roosevelt's address to Congress on Jan. 7.

Wallace, who was known to have consulted with the president while preparing his speech, said in a broadcast commemorating the birthday of Woodrow Wilson last night that the new freedom for which Wilson fought was "the force of the Roosevelt New Deal of 1933 and of the worldwide new democracy which is the goal of the United Nations in this present struggle."

"The task of our generation—the generation which President Roosevelt once said has a 'rendezvous with destiny'—is to organize human affairs, that no Adolf Hitler, no power-hungry war mongers, whatever their nationality, can ever again plunge the whole world into war and bloodshed."

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) promptly commented that the people of this country must put a stop to "bureaucracy and regimentation" or face the prospect of losing their democracy.

Some senators, including Burton (R-Ohio) declared post-war pro-

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Gen. DeGaulle Pays Tribute to Giraud

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, paid highest tribute last night to Gen. Henri Giraud, the successor of Admiral Jean Darlan in North Africa, and declared in a broadcast to his homeland that the time had come for formation of a temporary government to unite all French elements.

"An enlarged temporary power, regrouping all French forces inside and outside the country and all French territories which are able to fight for liberation, is necessary to national independence and unity until such time as the nation herself may be able to express its sovereign wishes," the Fighting French leader said.

Earlier, informed quarters had expressed the opinion that Gen. De Gaulle soon would leave for Washington to discuss with President Roosevelt a blueprint for a new French government, which may establish its capital at Algiers, repudiate the Vichy armistice and the Vichy dissolution of the French Republic.

It was believed he would then proceed to North Africa to meet Gen. Giraud, these sources said.

Giving high praise to Giraud, Gen. De Gaulle said that during the worst moments of the war the French government had caused to regret its inability to make him the Generalissimo.

De Gaulle said Giraud was drawing increasingly large French North African forces into the fighting on the Allied side and that the number of their successes would increase.

"In the territories of French North and West Africa the spirit of Vichy has been profoundly shaken," he said. "It seems that, despite two and a half years of repression harshly applied, the pure patriotic spirit is regaining its rights there."

"The union of the whole empire in the war is no longer merely desired and desirable, but perhaps soon will be realizable."

General De Gaulle's open endorsement of the new Allied French leader in North Africa was in marked contrast to the Fighting French attitude toward Admiral Darlan, former Vichy defense chief who went over to the Allies early in November.

British Close to Enemy Base of Akyak in Burma

By The Associated Press

Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's legions, driving into Japanese-occupied Burma from India were reported today to have reached the vicinity of Rathedaung, 25 miles northwest of the big enemy base at Akyak, after a 75-mile advance through the treacherous coastal swamps from the Indian frontier.

A British communiqué said Gen. Wavell's patrols clashed briefly with Japanese troops near Rathedaung on the night of Dec. 27, and the enemy retreated after an exchange of fire.

The drive to Rathedaung, seven miles inland from the Bay of Bengal coast, represented an advance of approximately 20 miles from Akyak, which British troops captured a week ago.

At the same time, roundabout reports from Japanese dominated Bangkok, Thailand, said other British troops had reached the Chinwin river valley in Burma in a push through the Chin hills to the north.

There was still no indication that Gen. Wavell had launched a major campaign to recapture Burma, but the swift retirement of Japanese lines in the Bura zone, with American and Australian jungle fighters beating off a desperate new enemy attempt to smash out of its trap.

After crushing the Japanese counterattack, Allied troops lunged farther into the enemy's intricate system of fortifications along the winding beach corridor.

Gen. MacArthur said Japanese warcraft—probably submarines—shelled Allied lines at Bura village for five hours yesterday, starting at midnight, but caused no damage.

Allied airmen flying heavy B-24 Liberator bombers were credited with scoring three direct 500-pound bomb hits on a big Japanese cruiser off Rabaui, New Britain, leaving the warship in flames and probably destroyed.

Other Allied fliers bombed the Gasmatia airfield in New Britain and carried out widespread attacks from Timor to Dutch New Guinea.

McFaddin to Be Sworn In As New Justice

Little Rock, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Three new supreme court justices and a new land commissioner who were elected last Nov. 3 will be sworn into office at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

Chief Justice Griffin Smith will administer the oaths of office in the courtroom to Ben E. Carter, Texarkana; Ed F. McFaddin, Hope, and R. W. Robins, Conway, the new justices, and to land commissioner-elect Claude Rankin.

Governor Adkins will take the oath of office for his second term on Jan. 1, opening day of the 1943 legislative session. Other state officials will be sworn in the following day. They are Secretary of State C. G. Hall, treasurer Earl Page, Auditor J. Oscar Humphrey and Attorney General Elect Guy Williams.

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Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Perfect Record
Shelton, Conn. — Friends of Miss Ethel Smith claim for her the national Sunday school attendance record.

Sunday's session at the Methodist church Sunday school completed 40 years of perfect attendance—2,800 Sundays—for her.

What Next?

Raleigh, N. C. — Some of the guests of a hotel here must have been a bit startled when, upon entering the lobby, they saw a man milking a cow.

It was part of the program of the farmers cooperative exchange, holding a meeting at the hotel.

Triple Trouble
National City, Calif. — There's trouble coming up for the Axis.

Alvin, Calvin and Malvin Gross, 18-year-old triplets, have registered for the draft. And they mean business.

Sharp Clashes in Tunisia Indicate Showdown Near

—Africa

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Sharp clashes by Allied patrols probing Axis positions and continued air assaults on enemy bases indicated today the hour might be approaching for a military showdown in Tunisia, while politically there were increasing signs of growing unity among the Anti-Axis French elements in North Africa and London.

Torrential rains which have held up any large-scale actions in Tunisia were reported yesterday to be easing, but the ground still was slippery and muddy.

To the east in the huge North African battlefield, meanwhile, the British Eighth Army was advancing well beyond Sirte in its chase of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Libyan army.

The Italian command reported that Axis forces had dispersed Allied armored units in a local action in Tunisia and that eight Allied planes had been shot down in aerial fighting over North Africa.

It said a British submarine was sunk in the Mediterranean. The Germans said their submarines had sunk 15 cargo ships, a destroyer and a corvette in a two-day running attack on an Allied convoy bound from England toward North Africa. Three additional ships of the convoy were reported to have been torpedoed.

The terse announcement by the conservative Allied command of "vigorous patrolling" in Tunisia, along with reports of intensified bombing of Axis bases, were seen by unofficial quarters in London as a signal that the time for a renewed offensive was ever nearer.

In one skirmish, the Allied command reported yesterday, a patrol inflicted casualties and took prisoners in attacking an enemy detachment of the Medjez-El-Bab—Tebourba road, and another patrol drove off Axis units without loss to itself.

The Morocco radio, meanwhile, announced that French forces were

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Arkansas Girl Named South's Cotton Queen

Memphis, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The white banners of the south's cotton interests will be borne next year by blonde, grey-eyed Bonnie Beth Byler, 22-year-old daughter of a Lepanto, Ark., planter.

Miss Byler was named 1943 maid of cotton last night in a contest annually conducted by the national cotton council for a representative who will tour the nation as an advocate of the use of cotton.

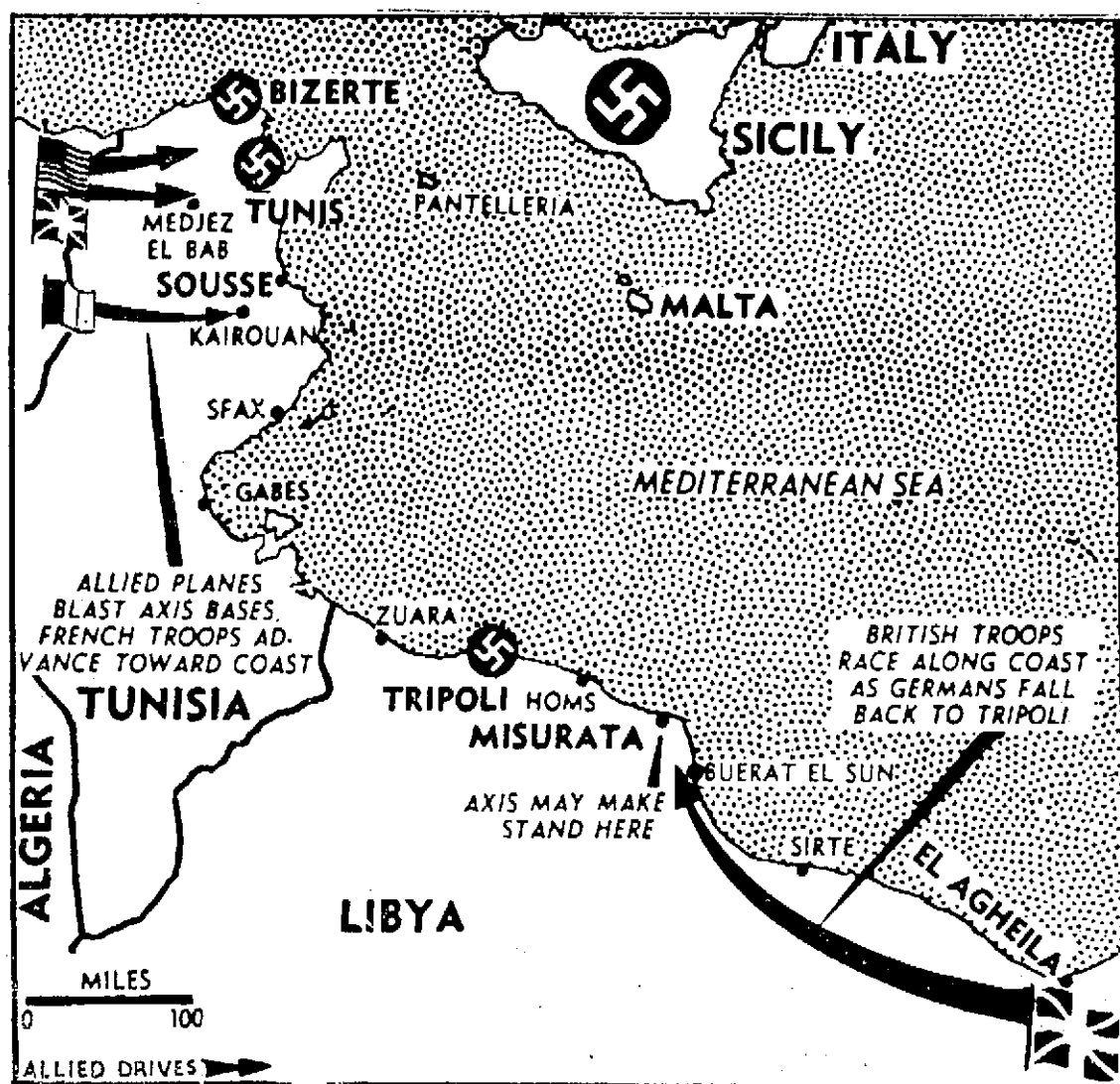
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Today's War Map



Today's war map shows the British chase the Axis close to Tripoli while Allied bombers and French troops stir up action on the Tunisia front. U. S. Flying Fortresses and the newest deadliest American fighting planes were believed engaged in a supreme offensive to utterly wreck Axis communication lines and transport in Tunisia.

Red Armies Close Trap Around 22 Nazi Divisions in March to the South

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Col. Gen. Nikolai F. Vatutin's Russian armies of the south thrust forward today along a 300-mile front spread fanwise from Novaya Kalitva, just south of Rostov, at the edge of the Ukraine, to Kichinko, deep in the windwept Kalmyk steppes.

Where this front cuts across the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railway, the Russians reported smashing through Nazi outer defenses to capture Nagolny, three miles south of Kotelnikovsk, where the Germans braced for a terrific struggle.

The Russian onrush closed in from three sides of Kotelnikovsk, the important rail line citadel, and stood astride some highways of escape at its rear.

The rail line of Millero, 120 miles north of Rostov, also was hard pressed as the Russians fought their way into Temnov two miles northwest of the town. Millero had already been by-passed and virtually cut off.

Locked far in the rear of this Russian arc of steel, Field Marshal Fedor von Bock's 22 Nazi divisions remained surrounded before Stalingrad within an encirclement which the Russians daily report drawing tighter.

This huge force still is capable of furious resistance, and Russian dispatches indicated that it showed no signs of sudden weakening. It is supplied by air only, and the Russians reported shooting down the German transport planes like clay pigeons.

Battlefront dispatches described the corridor which the Red Army has driven between this trapped force and the main German Army as growing wider daily while the Russians expanded their hold across the Middle Don steppe and along the Stalingrad-Likhtaya railway.

The Germans have lost 120,000 or more killed and captured in the Middle Don battles, the Russians said.

The front is composed of these three related operations:

1. Southward of Stalingrad, where the Red Army has moved within light artillery range of Kotelnikovsk, closing in on three sides of the town.

A second Russian force has lifted into the Kalmyk steppe to the south, fanning out over a vast area and taking Kichinko, 42 miles north of Elista, the Kalmyk capital.

A third force has driven up inside the Don elbow northwest of Kotelnikovsk, where the Russians were reported yesterday within 4 miles of a juncture with troops from the north. This would close a second trap around the Nazis to

Percy Ramsey Held Prisoner by Japanese

Second Lieutenant Percy E. Ramsey of the Army Air Corps, officially reported missing since the fall of Bataan peninsula last spring, is a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines, the War Department informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ramsey of Hope, by telegraph last night.

Lt. Ramsey went direct to the Philippines following his graduation as a flight officer and participated in the bitter fighting there from the beginning to the final surrender. Following destruction of the American planes in the Philippines he and other members of the Air Corps fought along with the ground forces until capture.

Lt. Ramsey is a graduate of Hope High School and attended Henderson State college, Arkadelphia, making the all-state football team at both schools.

He is the second officially-reported missing Hope officer to be confirmed as alive although a prisoner, Captain Norris O'Neal of the infantry, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. P. O'Neal, having been listed as a prisoner in the Philippines, about two weeks ago.

Dispatches from the Middle Don front said that the Germans were rushing up reinforcements, but that the Red Army was striking so swiftly these new Nazi troops had no time to get into position.

The weather was described as extremely cold. Snow in some places was deepening.

On the Kotelnikovsk front, Red Star said German counterattacks from carefully prepared defense positions were beaten down, and the Russian drive continued. It reported that the retreating Germans were abandoning undamaged guns and equipment.

The deepest reported penetration through the Kotelnikovsk defense system was at Nagolny, three miles south of the city.

The Russians also held Maiorsky, nine and a half miles to the northwest and Karachev, a few miles east, all but ringing the city in the drive that has carried them down the railroad from Stalingrad despite bitter Axis counterattacks.

The midday communiqué said that in the latest battles "our units fought their way forward and occupied a number of populated places. According to incomplete data, more than 2,000 enemy officers and men were killed."

This brings to more than 21,000 the toll of Axis soldiers reported slain in the region since Dec. 12.

Not All Fun

Little Rock, Dec. 29.—(AP)—State employees, who had Friday and Saturday off for Christmas, will have to work on New Year's Day, Secretary of State C. G. Hall announced yesterday.

"I came here with an open mind," McClellan said. "I am under obligation to no interest, I am, of course, a Democrat but an independent Democrat."

McClellan and his secretary, Ralph Matthews, former Jonesboro newspaperman, arrived about the same time on different trains. Matthews came direct from Arkansas but the new senator came from Lenoir, N. C., where he and Mrs. McClellan spent the holidays with her mother.

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Two Killed, 5 Captured in Chicago Trap

By GILES FINDLEY

Chicago, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The "Terrible Touhy" gang, described by FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover as "the most vicious and most dangerous the country has ever had," was smashed by the FBI last night and early today, two members by killing and five by capture.

Announcement of the round-up, in which not a single FBI man was injured despite a gun-battle with the two felons who were slain, was made by Hoover at offices of the FBI. He said he had been in Chicago, where the gang was rounded up, since Sunday and the seizure represented weeks of careful planning and timing.

The gang had been hunted since Oct. 9 when Roger Touhy, leader of the gang, was ruled Chicago's northwest gang circles during the prohibition era, and six others fought and clubbed their way out of Stateville penitentiary near Joliet.

Touhy and his first lieutenant, Basil Hugh (The Owl) Banghart, a desperate criminal who boasted "no jail can hold me," surrendered to FBI agents this morning without a shot being fired. With them was Edward Darlak, 32, serving 199 years imprisonment for the murder of a policeman.

Last night two other members of the gang, Eugene Lanthorn, better known by his alias of James O'Connor, and St. Clair McIntirey, were shot down when they attempted to escape from a hiding place surrounded by FBI agents. Previously Methew Nelson, whose correct name is Martilick Nelson, alias Harold Seeger, and William Stewart had been captured secretly by the FBI.

Touhy, Banghart and Darlak were captured early this morning in an apartment at 5118 Kenmore Avenue without a shot being fired.

The FBI had erected footlights about the building to guard against any slipaway in the early morning darkness. Agents manned the roof of the building and others, heavily armed, were posted across the street.

A loudspeaker system was installed to call out orders to the hiding desperados.

At 5 a. m., the floodlights flashed on and the G-men called to Touhy, Banghart and Darlak:

"Come out through the front door. Come out backwards and with your hands up. Banghart, you come first."

For ten minutes, the agents, fingers on triggers, waited for a response.

Then the door opened and Banghart, hands overhead, backed cautiously through the door.

Agents reached out from their apartment door facing that of the gangsters, grabbed him and wheeled him into their apartment where he was manacled.

Next they called for Touhy to come out, and then Darlak. All surrendered without a struggle.

Touhy wore brilliant red pajamas and his black hair had been turned blonde with peroxide. A bottle of peroxide was found in the flat.

The FBI had taken an apartment directly across the hall from the gang's in the six-flat building. In it they stored an arsenal of tear gas, machine guns and high powered rifles.

In addition, they moved families from the second floor to the third so that they could be evacuated through a sky-light in the event it was necessary to besiege the criminals with tear-gas bombs to drive them out.

O'Connor and McIntirey were slain last night when they opened fire on FBI agents who surrounded their hideout in the Norwood apartment on Leland avenue.

The FBI men ordered them to surrender peacefully. They answered by opening fire. G-men's bullets brought them down.

Hoover said two apartments used by the gang contained five revolvers, two sawed-off shotguns and one 30-30 rifle. All were loaded and extra rounds of ammunition were uncovered.

In the hunt so far, Hoover related, the federal agents have found \$13,533.27 of money hidden by the gang in various places. Several automobiles were found.

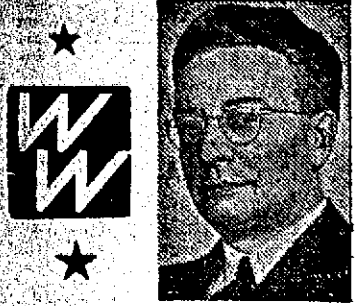
The roundup of the seven fugitives began Dec. 16 in Minneapolis when Nelson, using the name of Seeger, was arrested in the Hemphill hotel. Stewart was arrested on a Chicago street Dec. 19.

Hoover said he could give no information on other phases of the case while it was under investigation. He promised the bureau would "very vigorously run down anyone who aided the gang since the break from Stateville."

Surrounded by newspapermen and flanked by G-men who helped

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Road to Victory Is in Sight Says General Wavell



By DEWITT MACKENZIE
New Delhi, Dec. 28 (Delayed) — When you catch a famous commander in chief working among his war maps at headquarters on a Sunday morning while military operations in his theater are virtually at a standstill and most Army men are glad to have a little well-earned rest your natural impression is that you have encountered an energetic individual.

Well, that's the way I caught Britain's Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell — who certainly needs no introduction to the American public or any other public. Or, to be more accurate, that's the way Wavell caught me and the manner of it was rather unusual.

I had dropped in at his headquarters on another errand and took the opportunity to suggest that an interview with India's commander in chief at some future date would be appreciated. I had in mind of course that the task of getting to see one of these military Czars sometimes is like trying to drive a camel through the eye of a needle.

Therefore I was surprised when my suggestion was placed before the great man forthwith and was astonished when he replied: "Bring him right in."

Now that represents action and possibly was one of the characteristics which Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command, had in mind when he wrote in a magazine just before Hitler precipitated the world conflict:

"English generals are all conservative in thought except one — Wavell — but he is so clever that he may make up for all the rest in any great war in which England may be engaged."

In any event, within three minutes of broaching the subject I was receiving a cordial handshake from Gen. Wavell. He motioned me to a chair and perched himself on the edge of the table. A bright light from the window back of him emphasized the lines of his strong face and incidentally made a dazzling rainbow of the great bank of ribbons which covered his many medals.

"Speaking of chests, there's nothing 'chesty' about Gen. Wavell, though his own distinctions, plus the fact that his father and grandfather were generals might excuse him if he did throw his weight about a bit.

My guess is that he's not self-centered, but rather one who likes humanity. That idea is rather supported by the fact he always is among his troops looking after their welfare and has reserved accommodations in his own home for several officers — one officers — who arrive in crowded Delhi and can't find a place to stay.

Anyway he is a friendly sort to meet. We chatted of many things, mainly about the war, and was very willing to discuss the military situation, with references to the great maps on his walls.

It is not the purpose of this article to record an interview but I can say that the general was optimistic regarding the war situation as a whole. Indeed, that is well summed up in a little new message which he sent to Indians in the fighting forces. It follows in part: "The war has now entered a new phase. At last we can see clear before us the road to final victory. It may be a long road and a rough one, but if all of you, whether in the armed forces or in the factory, maintain your magnificent efforts, every man going his utmost at his job, the end is sure."

If that is a correct estimate of the position — and my constant study of the various theaters leads me to believe it is then we should add that Wavell is given credit for tightening the defenses of India at a moment when the threat from both Hitler and the Japs was grave.

The general showed a friendly interest in my own activities and asked about my experience in the last war. When I told him I was with General Sir Archibald Murray, now in retirement but then British

U. S. Fighters Destroy 21 German Trucks

Allied headquarters in North Africa, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Twin-engine P38 Lightning fighters, driving a record distance into enemy territory, were disclosed today to have destroyed 21 German trucks in a motor convoy between Ez Zauia, 30 miles west of Tripoli, and Medenine.

Medenine is about 70 miles in Tunisia from the Libyan border and about 50 miles southeast of the port of Gabes.

American Flying Fortresses braved the tricky flying conditions of North Africa's rainy period again yesterday in an attack on the harbor and docks at Sousse. The central dock area was hard hit and a great column of black and white smoke was left rising from the waterfront.

All of the big bombers returned safely.

A spokesman announced that Lt. Virgil Smith of McAllen, Texas, the pilot of a Lockheed Lightning fighter, shot down his sixth enemy plane yesterday, a Messerschmitt 109. The spokesman said the six victories apparently made Smith the ace of the American air forces in the theater.

The spokesman said two-thirds of the vehicles in along line of loaded trucks moving troops, gasoline and supplies westward toward speedy lightning fighters west of Tripoli.

A second group of P-38s was reported to have shot up eight enemy trucks 11 miles north of Pont-Du-Fahs, where Allied air support has been an important factor in the gains of French ground troops.

Pont-Du-Fahs is 30 miles south of the Axis stronghold of Tunis.

In the same area British Spitfires attacked six Junkers 88s and six Messerschmitt 109 fighters, destroying two Junkers and one Messerschmitt against the loss of a single Spitfire. A group of P-38s engaged 10 Messerschmitt 109s and damaged two of them.

The exploit of the P-38s in smashing home their surprise attacks on important German supply routes deep behind the Tunisian front marked the actual achievement of a long-sought aim of the Allied air forces — an overlapping aerial onslaught by American and British bombers and fighters of both the Middle Eastern and the French African commands.

The RAF struck another blow at Axis communications Sunday night when light bombers attacked a road junction between Tunis and Pont-Du-Fahs. Results were not announced.

While the air combat attained a new peak in ferocity, farther south, among the ground forces, activity on the north and central Tunisian fronts was still limited to patrol operations, with no major clashes reported.

A military spokesman said both sides were sending out many patrols "which see how far they can go before they are shot up or shoot up somebody."

Wallace's Talk
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gram makers should be chary about drafting a detailed blueprint for the peace until they know what kind of governments and men they will have to deal with at the conference tables.

Wallace said that "obviously the United Nations must first have machinery which can disarm and keep disarmed those parts of the world which would break the peace."

He added that "we must make absolutely sure that the guilty commander in chief in the Middle East, for a time in the desert fighting on the Sinai peninsula, Wavell smiled and remarked:

"I sent a letter to Murray in England two days ago."

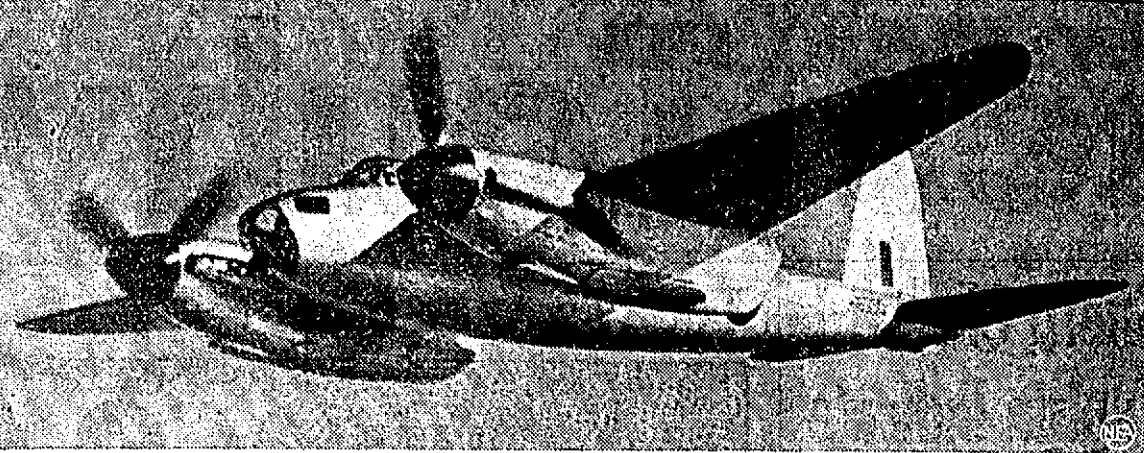
The commander in chief said he had not served with Murray but had served with Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, who succeeded Murray. As a matter of fact Wavell was Allenby's chief of staff and had written a notable biography of that famous soldier, who was by way of being Wavell's hero.

This undoubtedly accounted for the fact that Wavell was greatly interested when I told him I have, in Allenby's own hand-writing, an expression of appreciation of the Allied generalissimo of the last war, Marshal Foch, which Allenby gave at the time of the French soldier's death. I must remember to send Wavell a photographic copy of that historic document when I get home.

You know General Wavell as a soldier. Maybe you don't know he not only has done much biographical writing but at this moment is engaged in compiling an anthology of poetry.

The general didn't tell me that, but one of his friends gave the show away. I happen to know too, from another source, that he is a great admirer of Browning.

Wooden Warbird



Wood from Canada, engines from the U. S. and a design originated in England go into this all-wooden British mosquito bomber. It maneuvers like a fighter plane and builds in half the time required for all-metal craft. Said to be the world's fastest bomber, the wooden plane relies on speed for protection.

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., Dec. 29 — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 11,000; 180 lbs. up 25-30 lower than Monday's average; lighter weights mostly 50 lower; sows 25-35 lower; bulk good and choice 180-170 lbs. 14.60-70; top 14.75; 140 - 160 lbs. 13.75-14.25; 100-130 lbs. 12.75-13.50; sows 13.65-14.10, mostly 13.75-14.00. Cattle, 3,500; calves, 1,000; open generally steady; largely a step-

er run with early sales confined to a few medium sorts at 12.25 - 14.00; medium and good heifers and mixed yearlings 11.00-13.25; common and medium cows 9.50-11.50; medium and good sausage bulls 11.50-13.00; good and choice vealers 15.75; medium and good 13.25 and 14.50; nominal range slaughter steers 10.75-16.00, slaughter heifers 5.50-15.50; stocker and feeder steers 9.00-12.75.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Reports that economic Stabilizing Director James Byrnes was about to announce increased flour ceilings, 75 cents to \$1.00 above current levels gave strength to the wheat market today. Most other grains followed wheat into higher ground, despite temporary setbacks at times.

The original plan called for a 58-cent boost in flour ceiling plus the payment of a subsidy. The proposed higher ceiling would eliminate the necessity for putting the controversial subsidy plan in operation. It was reported to have the backing of Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and the commodity credit corporation.

Shortly before the close May and July wheat contracts advanced to new high ground for the season on buying by a house with connections southwest.

All deliveries of wheat and corn closed at virtually the day's highest levels.

Wheat finished 1 to 1 3/8 cents above Monday's final quotations. May \$1.37 3/4-7 7/8, July \$1.37 3/4-4; corn 7 1/2 to 1 1/4 cents up; May 95 58-34, July 96 12-58; oats 18 to 3 1/2 up; rye unchanged to 1-4 higher and soybeans advanced 3-4 cents.

Cash wheat No. 3 hard 1.39 1-4. Corn: New No. 3 yellow 90-93 1/2; No. 2 white 1.11.

Old corn: No. 2 yellow 95; No. 3, 95.

What's
Chicago, Dec. 29 — (AP) — May — high, 1.37 7/8; low, 1.36 1/2; close, 1.37 7/8-34.

July — high, 1.37 3/4; low, 1.36 5/8; close, 1.37 3/4.

Corn
May — high, 95 3/4; low, 94 3/8; close, 95 58-34.

July — high, 96 58; low, 95 18; close, 96 12-58.

NEW YORK STOCKS
New York, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Irregularity continued in today's stock market as dealings topped the million-share figure for the seventh session this year.

The direction was downward from the start and, at the worst, seemed ranged from fraction to a point or more. Quotations stiffened in many cases after midday and, in the final hour, modest advances were fairly well distributed.

Big blocks of low and medium-priced issues resulting from related tax adjustments put the day's volume at around 1,400,000 shares, biggest turnover for 1942 to date.

As in Monday's retreat, peace-related stocks, still apparently buoyed by the heartening war news, gave the best account of themselves although the majority made scant progress.

On the offside most of the time were American Telephone, Air Reduction, American Can, J.C. Penney, Standard Oil (N.J.), Goodyear, Chrysler, American Telephone, Southern Pacific, Great Northern, Montgomery Ward, Anaconda, Caterpillar tractor, Pan American Airways, Douglas Aircraft and United Aircraft.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Cotton futures sold lower today under less aggressive trade and mill price fixing and profit taking coupled with hedge selling. Small early gains were transformed into losses by late afternoon.

Late afternoon values were 15 cents a bale lower, Dec 19.18, May 19.10 and July 19.03.

Futures closed 5 cents a bale lower or to 50 cents higher.

Jan.—opened, 19.11; closed, 19.14; Feb.—opened, 19.11; closed, 19.24; May—opened, 19.13; closed, 19.12; July—opened, 19.07; closed, 19.07; Oct.—opened 19.01 closed 18.99-19.00; Dec.—opened, 19.01; closed, 19.00; Middling spot 20.92; up 2 Nominol

Axis Claim Sinking 15 British Vessels

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) Dec. 29 — (AP) — The German delivery facilities would be held to a minimum—that unless packages were mailed by a certain date, there would not even be an attempt to deliver them by Christmas.

It is not as though this would work a hardship on shoppers. It is just as easy to buy a ship early. And what satisfaction!

Three other ships received torpedo hits, the broadcast said. The climatic shakings were said to have occurred last night.

(Three was no confirmation of the report from Allied sources.

A German report recorded in London said that the convoy was American and that it had been followed until it was near the French (perhaps French North African) coast.

The high command communique, as recorded in New York, said simply that it was a convoy sailing south from England.

Our Daily Bread

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to sit around the trees with their families, and extra pre-Christmas delivery facilities would be held to a minimum—that unless packages were mailed by a certain date, there would not even be an attempt to deliver them by Christmas.

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Idle Tires

Uncle Sam has received about eight million tires that otherwise would have remained hoarded under the rationing-purchase plan. About half are in usable condition and can be resold to persons whose motoring contributes to the winning of the war. The others will supply reclaimed rubber. An interesting if not important sidelight is the wide range in productivity among different sections of the country.

Around Denver and Omaha, almost every car owner had a spare tire. In Atlanta, Detroit, Jacksonville, about one in five had a sixth casing. In New York, where storage space is at a premium, only one in 14 had an

Serious Charges

Harry Bridges, who has been officially branded a Communist, and Joseph Curran, who has followed the Red party line consistently, are C. I. O. union heads. They have charged that lease-lend cargoes are deliberately being stowed improperly. This reflects upon the good will of the A. F. of L. International Longshoremen's Association, which does such loading on the east coast.

Without passing judgment in advance, it would seem that President Joseph P. Ryan of the eastern stevedores is fully justified in demanding that the Maritime Commission and the War Shipping Administration investigate these serious charges.

The public has a right to know whether the stevedores are sabotaging the war program for selfish aims, or whether left-wing C. I. O. ers are sabotaging it in their anti-A. F. of L. campaign.

More than 10,000,000 additional shirts can be manufactured in a year from material that will be saved by the WPB order cutting two to three inches off men's and boys' shirts. Patrons are getting a scissors treatment too, making possible 2,200,000 more pairs.

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Social Calendar

Tuesday, December 29th
Honoring Mrs. Jack Stewart of Vicksburg, Miss. Mrs. R. T. White will entertain with an afternoon party.

Informal dance at the Hope Country club for members and their guests, 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, December 30th
The first Executive meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will be held at the church, 3 o'clock. All officers, secretaries, treasurers, and assistant leaders are expected to attend.

Yule Meeting of B. and P. W. Club
at Mrs. Aline Johnson's. A holiday club meeting of interest was the monthly social for members of the Hope Business and Professional Women's at the home of Mrs. Aline Johnson on Monday evening.
Beautiful holidays greenery and berries formed the floral decor in the entertaining room. Although no program was arranged, club members enjoyed a number of clever games and contests.
During the evening the hostess served a delicious salad and desert course with hot chocolate. Mrs. Jasquette, the former Madge Schooley, of Dallas was a welcome guest.

It was announced that the next meeting will be a dinner at the Hotel Barlow in the private dining room January 14.

May-Hembree
Mrs. Mattie Hembree announces the marriage of her daughter, Helen Louise, to J. F. May, Jr. of Hope, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. May. The wedding took place December 24 at 3 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor of the First Methodist church.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of baby blue crepe with brown accessories.
Mr. and Mrs. May are at home at 306 South Pine street.

Coming and Going

Cpl. Clinton Taylor, former member of the Star's mechanical staff who is now stationed at Hunter Field, Savannah, Ga., arrived this week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Taylor, and other relatives and friends.

Thomas Gordon of Los Angeles, Calif. is in the city for a visit with

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in
"So's Your Aunt Emma"
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Funeral for Hope Woman on Wednesday

Funeral services for Miss Willie Cox, resident of Hope for 40 years who died at her home Saturday night, will be held at the Herndon-Cornelius funeral home at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon the Rev. Moore officiating.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Smyth Pyle of Erie, Okla., Mrs. D. G. Richards of Texarkana, Mrs. S. P. Fields and Mrs. J. A. Richards of Hope, and a brother, Jack Cox of Elmore.

Active pallbearers: C. D. Lester, Eugene White, George Teer, Mirl Richards, Calvin Cassidy, Charlie J. Cox, McElaine Cox and Jack Cox. Honorary: John Martin, Dr. P. B. Carrigan, Elbert Jones, Frank Ward, Syd McMath, A. C. Monte, O. L. Bowden, J. A. Sullivan James Gorin, Arch Moore, and Polk Singleton.

Sharp Clashes

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continuing their advance below Pont Du Fais on the southern flank of the Tunisian front despite counterattacks by reinforced Axis troops which they said had driven their lines back slightly at one point. Pont Du Fais is 30 miles south of Tunis.

Numerous prisoners have been taken, two 4.7 inch guns were captured, several tanks were destroyed and one enemy plane was shot down by French fire, said the communique. "In the region north-west of Tarrab a raid brought in some 20 prisoners, including two officers. We suffered no losses."

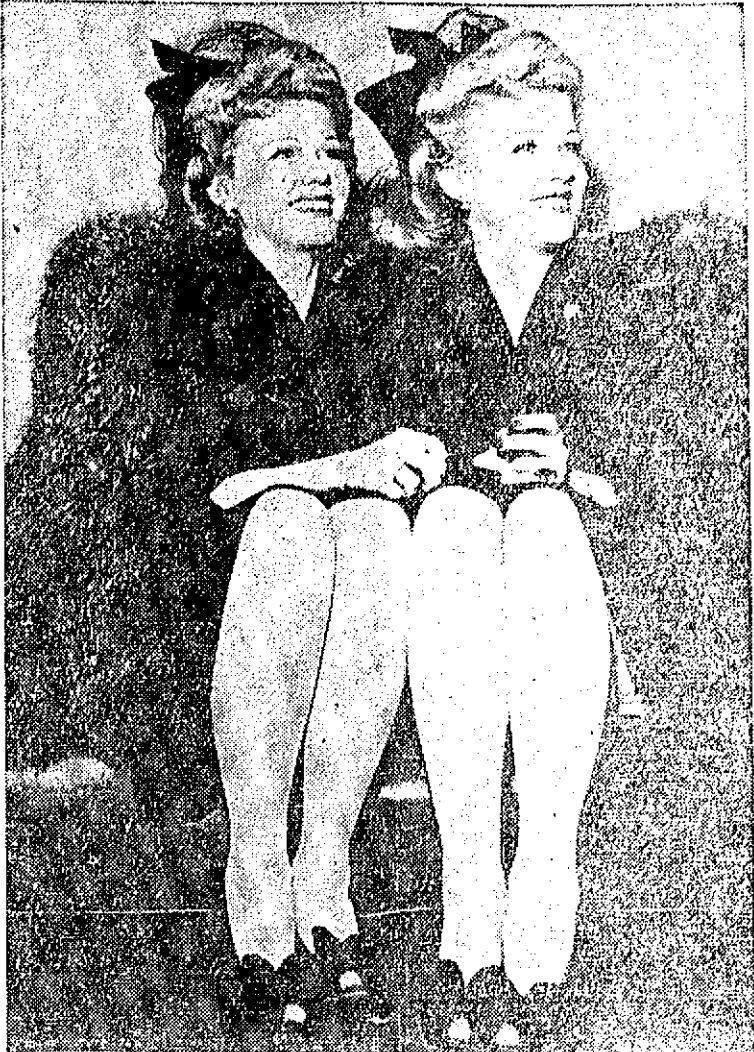
Fighting French forces driving up from Lake Chad in Equatorial Africa also are continuing to advance south of Fezzan, some 550 miles below Tripoli in southwestern Libya, the Brazzaville radio said last night.

French Somaliland in East Africa has joined the Fighting French, Gen. Charles de Gaulle's headquarters announced today. It said the flag of the Fighting French was raised last night in Djibouti. The Vichy radio announced last night that French and British troops had entered the colony.

On the political side, General de Gaulle, leader of the Fighting French, in a broadcast last night asserted the hour had come for uniting all anti-Axis Frenchmen in a temporary government "until such time as the nation herself may be able to express its sovereign wishes."

De Gaulle praised Gen. Henri Giraud, successor to the assassinated Admiral Jean Darlan as high commander of North Africa. He declared "the union of the whole empire in the war is no longer merely desired and desirable, but perhaps soon will be realized."

Double Exposure



Two of the best reasons why 18-year-old identical twins Lee and Lynn Wilde have just signed a movie contract in Hollywood are Lee and Lynn Wilde, left and right, above.

Two Killed

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smash the Touhy gang. Hoover read off the criminal records and backgrounds of each of the men captured or killed.

Probation and parole, figured in the histories of most of them and Hoover declared "I emphasize mention of these paroles because I think it stinks."

He said he believed in "parole decently administered" but condemned the practice of "turning rats like these loose on the streets to indulge in gunplay against innocent citizens."

The Touhy raid, Hoover said, brought to 24 the number of persons killed by the FBI in the last ten years while capturing 55,000 criminals. This has been accomplished, he said, with the loss of only 13 agents in gun battles.

Hoover said the FBI was not investigating the Stateville prison break because it was out of his jurisdiction. With a smile he said the FBI was interested in the gang only because of violation of the selective service law — by changing their draft board in fleeing from Stateville.

He added that Bingham was in addition a federal fugitive. All three men captured at the Kenmore avenue place were asleep when the FBI turned on the speaker system that could be heard for a block. Hoover said the gangsters were "pretty well shaken" but appeared relieved to have been captured alive.

Touhy and Bingham had been serving in Stateville a 99-year term the barbers' factor in 1933. Factor described Bingham as the most cruel of his captives.

Hoover said the Touhy mob was the most vicious in criminal history, overshadowing the John Dillinger and Barker-Karpis gangs in many respects.

One of the most elaborate traps ever laid was credited by Hoover with bringing about the mobsters' undoing. He praised the cooperation

Advices College Students to Stay in School

Washington, Dec. 29 —(AP)— College students who are uncertain about their military status and wondering what to do after the holidays were advised today to:

"Go back to school and stay there until actually called into military service."

Dr. Francis J. Brown, consultant for the American Council on Education, termed this the wisest plan — regardless of whether students belong to the enlisted reserves or are subject only to draft board action.

Meanwhile, a new educational committee meets today to consider selection of an estimated 350 colleges and universities to be used in the specialized training program recently announced by the Army and Navy.

The committee, appointed by Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt, is composed of seven college presidents and two laymen, experienced in government and educational work.

In issuing his advice to students, Brown, who sat in on the military-educational parleys prior to the joint Army-Navy special training announcement, said countless college youths were "up in the air" over whether they should return to school after the holidays.

Members of the enlisted reserve who will be affected by the new military training program will not be called for some time yet, he said, adding that many civilian students who remain in school will get temporary draft deferments and some eventually may have their tuition paid by the government.

He said the act had proposed that colleges and universities refund tuition money to all students called to active duty before the end of any academic term.

"Some schools already are doing that," Brown said, adding that he thought all the institutions would cooperate.

The act consultant said that under the Army-Navy program, the enlisted reserves whose academic term (quarter or semester) ends in 1942 are entitled to another term before being called, and that those whose current term ends in 1943 are free to go back to school and finish it.

"No student who is a member of the enlisted reserve will be called to active duty under this program until at least two weeks after completion of his first academic term or semester which ends in 1943," Brown said, "and most of them may not be called for a long time after that."

"It takes a great deal of time to set up such a system as this, and it would not be surprising if many of the enlisted reserves were not called for several months," he added.

As for the "strictly civilian students," Brown pointed out that McNutt recently estimated more than 150,000 medical, dental, veterinary, engineering and other special science students would be kept in school through a new temporary draft deferment order. In addition, the manpower chief said plans are being made for the government to

Angels in Tin Helmets



(Paramount Newsreel Pool From NEA)
American nurses in North Africa relax in slacks at their headquarters while waiting their call to duty as angels of mercy on the battlefield.

U. S. Battleship Strikes Reef, Is Repaired

Washington, Dec. 29 —(AP)— Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that very early in the war an American battleship had struck an uncharted reef but had long since been repaired.

The secretary was asked at a press conference regarding reports that such a mishap had occurred, and he replied, "I don't think there's any harm in saying that in the very early stages of the war one of the battleships did hit an uncharted reef and was repaired a long time ago."

He gave no detail of the occurrence nor did he say where it occurred.

The reports about which the secretary was told were that the incident had occurred in the South Pacific. The secretary also said, in response to other questions, that the Navy did not plan to release its enlisted men over 55 as the Army intends to do where possible in the cases of men who were drafted. He explained that such a policy would not apply to the Navy because the Navy has not heretofore taken men through Selective Service and therefore would not be affected by the recently announced Selective Service policy against drafting men over that age.

Knox said that Navy casualty lists, heretofore released only for publication in local newspaper circulation territories, would hereafter be made available for publication on a nationwide basis. The Army also will follow the same policy hereafter.

The only place it is patriotic to exceed the speed limit is on the road to success—at your work!

State Land Board Not to Set Aside Sale

Little Rock, Dec. 29 —(AP)—Land Commissioner Bush Binley announced he would not set aside the \$1.50 per acre sale of 40 acres near Springdale which was forfeited to the state after being assessed for \$2,000 taxes.

"The land commissioner has authority to set aside a state land deed only when there is evidence of fraud, and since there apparently was none in this transaction there is nothing I can do," Binley declared yesterday.

"Undoubtedly our appraiser made a mistake," he continued, "but a few mistakes are bound to crop up in this business. We'll just have to be more careful in future appraisals."

Highway Plans Much Work After War

Little Rock, Dec. 29 —(AP)— Two highway department budgets—one for war and one for peace — will be submitted to the legislature, director W. W. Mitchell announced last night.

"If the war is over on the next two years," he said, "there will be a need for a big highway building program to absorb some of the workers who will be discharged by defense plants and to repair roads damaged during heavy wartime activity."

As long as the war continues, however, work will be restricted principally to maintenance, he said.

Internment Camp

Monticello, Dec. 29 —(AP)— Colonel Tom B. Martin, new army commander of the alien internment camp being built here, has arrived to assume command.

He will be in full charge after the camp is completed about mid-January. About 800 soldiers will be stationed here in addition to civilian employees, he said.

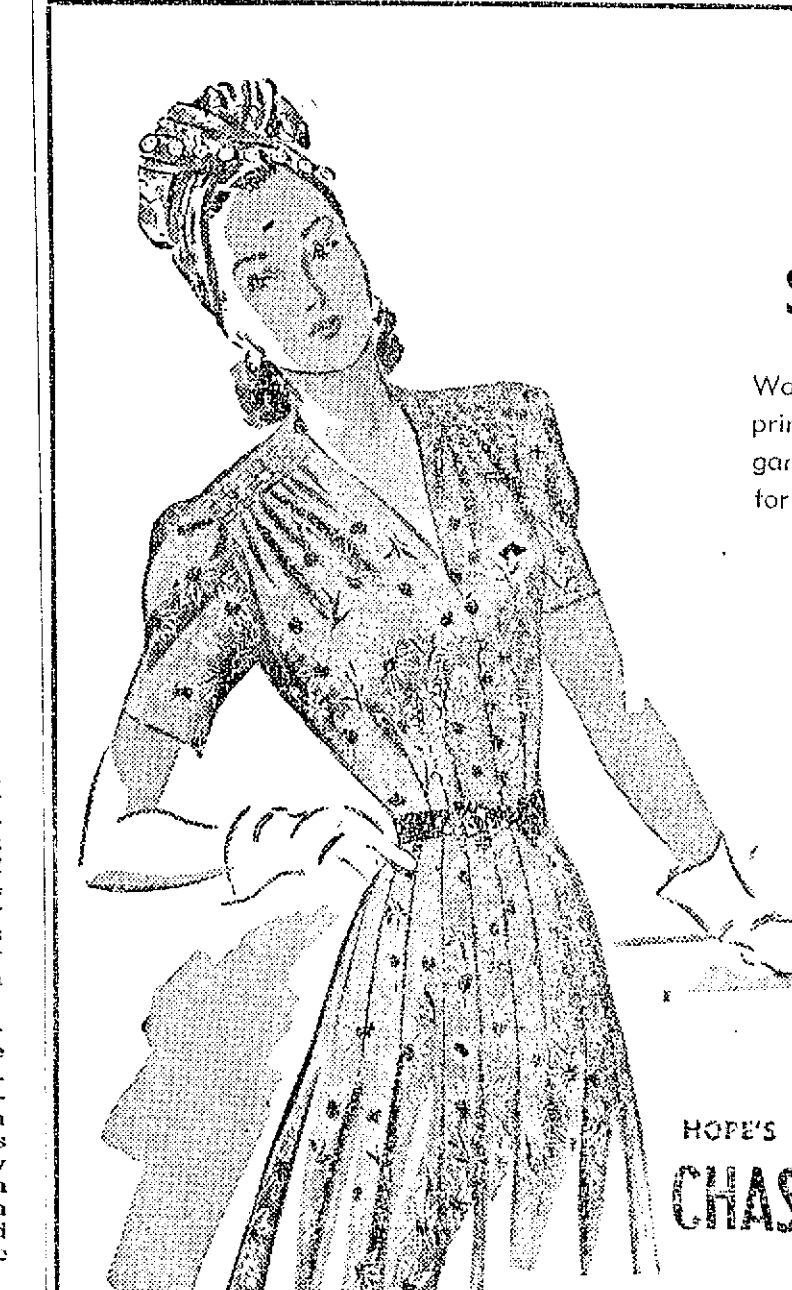
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"HOT" GIFT

CHAPTER X

"NOT going?"

"No."

"You're staying?"

"Yeah."

"You're crazy."

"I ain't crazy."

"Then why are you staying?"

"We're having a Christmas party."

"And you're Santa Claus."

Beano was stubborn. "When I was a kid I never had fun at Christmas time. Now I can help these kids to have a good time and I'm not going to spoil their party. Besides, there's a turkey in there as big as an ostrich, and I don't want to miss that turkey dinner."

"Not if it costs you 20 years in the pen?"

"I'll beat it after dinner, not before."

"You'll beat it with a pair of cuff links on your wrists that won't come off till they unlock them."

Beano's jaw set like a rock and Benny shrugged his shoulders. He had seen Beano like that before and knew he was beyond the influence of sweet reason.

He shrugged his shoulders again, took another mince pie and went to join the others. He was not any too happy about the situation.

Benny returned to the wide living room of the lounge where a cheerful fire was blazing in the stone fireplace.

The Christmas tree was gay with color and sparkling with tinsel. Everybody had been so busy that no one had noticed his absence. He joined Ross Benson, who was taking a moment off while Fay went disentangling some problem with Myra.

"Nice girl you got." His eyes watched Fay.

"She's not my girl," said Ross.

"That's right," said Benny.

"Keep away from them."

"Not me," said Ross. "I love 'em."

"Wait till you get older," said Benny. There was a warning note in his voice.

"Nothing doing," said Ross.

"You're only young twice and the second time it's too late."

"Well, if you must, pick 'em like that." He nodded towards Fay.

"Now that's a nice kid. Too skinny for my taste but look at that smile, all over her face, but it's the genuine thing. Get her and you keep her."

"I'm not playing for keeps."

Benny drifted over to Fay and Myra. Myra noted the slight uneasiness that dampened his usual assurance.

"Feeling good, Benny?"

"Sure, I am, but them kids won't if they're going to eat all that stuff in the kitchen."

Meanwhile Beano was thinking hard. You couldn't trust anyone in these days, least of all a pair of dicks whose job was to recover the diamonds to save their company paying out a heavy sum for insurance. Guys that would choose a time like Christmas to chase other guys who hadn't really done anything wrong couldn't be trusted to understand how innocent a guy really was. But if they couldn't find the ice they couldn't pin anything on him unless Benny was playing ball with them for the reward for recovery.

BEANO felt alone and deserted.

At least Leona was faithful. Absentmindedly he hitched a leg up and half sat on the table.

Then a sudden inspiration hit him. The Christmas tree! If he went up to Leona's room and got the rest of the ice he could put it all together in the leather pouch and wrap it up in some red paper. He could label it, "To Leona, with all my love, from you know who," and hang it on the tree.

They wouldn't be giving the presents until after the turkey dinner. He could tell Leona so she wouldn't open it. He'd have to be Santa Claus again to make sure nothing went wrong. Then if the dicks did come before he got away they could search the house from top to bottom and they wouldn't find a thing. Who would think of searching a Christmas tree for hot ice?

The more he thought of it the better he liked the idea.

A little later he was bending somewhere around the back of the tree. Myra strolled round to him.

"Don't tell anyone I told you," she said, "but it looks to me as if you're been sitting in something."

Beano's hand went around to his seat and came away quickly. "Mince meat," he said. "Must have sat on some pies in the kitchen."

"Seems like it," said Myra.

"They're so soft you'd hardly notice it."

"Yeah," said Beano. "I thought it was warm."

"Just out of the oven. It's hard to carry them that way. It's some paper to wrap them up in."

She handed him a sheet of paper with bells and holly on it.

"Hold this a moment," said Beano. "I'll go and fix myself."

He handed her a small packet. It was labeled "To Leona with all my love from you know who." She held it, waiting for him to return, wondering to what depths Beano had been smitten by the sultry beauty of Leona. She turned the little parcel over in her hands and something of the shape of the diamonds inside came through to her touch. She pressed a little harder, letting her fingers follow the hardness and feeling the stones move under her touch.

Then Beano was back, taking the little parcel from her. He tied it carefully well up in the back of the tree and smiled with a satisfaction that confirmed Myra's suspicions. Then she noticed that he was with Leona, nodding at the tree and going into an involved explanation. Leona chewed candy as he talked and gave no hint that her peace of mind was in any way disturbed.

That night, Leona sat up in bed late to make up her beauty sleep and to plan her future. It seemed mainly to consist in convincing her father that Beano was a gentleman with means of his own that could be split with the family if her father was insistent. She would also have to convince her father that Beano's intentions were honest and that it would pay better than her new job as an artist's model.

After deciding her course of action with her difficult parent she began to dream of her triumph. As far as she was concerned, careers for girls were very much overrated. Her ideal of a life was to be left alone most of the day in an apartment of her own with all the movie magazines and a box of chocolates, and a husband to come home at night and take her to a show.

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Lang Asks for Probe of State Forestry Agency

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—Charg-
ing the U. S. Forest Service with
"public dealing" on important for-
estry policies, State Forester Fred
H. Lang today called for a thor-
ough investigation of the agency's
activities for the past three years.
Lang declared that forestry men
were reliably informed the USFS
was pushing for regulation of cut-
ting practices on private timber
lands while the service was pub-
licly denying such a plan was afoot.
"Such double dealing on impor-
tant policies should call for a thor-
ough investigation of U. S. Forest
Services activities the past three
years," Lang said in a telegram
to President Roosevelt and WPB
Director Donald M. Nelson.
"Arkansas Forestry Commission
and industry capable of dealing
with private forest land policies in
this state. The industry, with sta-
bilized labor and equipment, is able
to produce for war needs."

The state forester said he was in-
formed that a proposed executive
order for regulation of cutting
practices was on the president's
desk along with a USFS proposal
to allocate \$100,000,000 in federal
funds to aid small sawmill oper-
ators in producing more forest pro-
ducts. Lang charged that the lat-
ter proposal would bring the govern-
ment into competition with private
sawmill operators.

Bransford Added to Governor's Staff

Little Rock, Dec. 28 (AP)—Dec.
28 (AP)—John M. Bransford, ex-
ecutive secretary of the Agricultural
and Industrial Commission and
speaker of the house in 1937 and
1939, will be Governor Adkins' leg-
islative secretary for the coming
session.
Adkins announced that his leg-
islative program would be confined
principally to amending some pres-
ent laws and providing for improve-
ments for the state hospital.
The governor said he planned to
devote most of his time until the
session opens Jan. 11 to legislative
matters. He will confer this week
with Comptroller J. Sims on de-
partmental budgets. Next week, he
will call a meeting of his honorary
tax study committee.
Adkins said he did not approve
of the council of state government's
proposal that the legislature give
the chief executive power to sus-
pend or modify laws during the
war.

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duction can decide the issue. Other
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28-3tp

2 JERSEY COWS. ONE CREAM
colored and one redish brown.
Strayed off Saturday and were
last seen on Washington highway.
Tags on ears. Reward for return
to Mrs. M. E. Box. Route 1, liv-
ing by filling station across from
city airport.
29-3tp

BLACK FABRIC PURSE WITH
red, green, and yellow woven
stripes. One strap handle. Con-
tained one pair light-rimmed
glasses, one Life-line Shaffer
Fountain pen, William and Floice
Taylors address in a little note-
book. Bunch of keys and \$50.00
in cash. Reward for Return, call
707-J.
29-3tp

Found

THE LADY WHO LOST A WATCH
in Morgan & Lindsey store Tues-
day, can have same by paying for
ad and calling at Morgan & Lind-
sey.
24-3tc

Notice

PERKINSON'S JEWELRY STORE
building, 218 South Walnut, will be
for rent January 1. Anyone inter-
ested in changing locations or
starting a new business see Tom
Carrel.
22-6tc

Fights Last Night

By The Associated Press

Chicago — Johnny Lawer, 160,
Cleveland, outpouted Tito Taylor,
156, Chicago (8).
Baltimore — Billy White, 147 3-4,
Baltimore, outpouted Billy Carri-
gan, 152 1-2, Baltimore (10).
Washington — Buddy Komar,
185, McKeesport, Pa., knocked out
Leon Ford, 200, Baltimore (2).
Holyoke, Mass. — Roosevelt
Thomas, 160, Springfield, Mass.,
outpouted Warren Peterson, 102,
New York, N. Y. (6).
New York — Johnny Creco, 137,
Montreal, outpouted Gene John-
son, 141, New York (8).

Sports Mirror

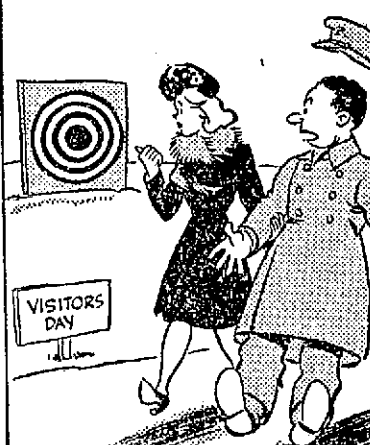
By The Associated Press

Today a year ago—Leslie Mae
Mitchell, New York University
miller, named winner of Sullivan
Memorial award as nation's out-
standing athlete. Three years ago—
Chicago White Sox released out-
fielder Henry Ebbelbacher to To-
ledo of American association. Five
years ago—longest long-shot of 1937
racing season, eschigh, paid \$571
for \$2 in winning sixth race at
Tropicana Park.

Comforting war planes has a real
military value in that it enables the
operators of the plane to handle the
ship more efficiently.

Hold Everything

DOLLY DIMWIT
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"I'll bet those are some of the
'military circles' I've read
about!"

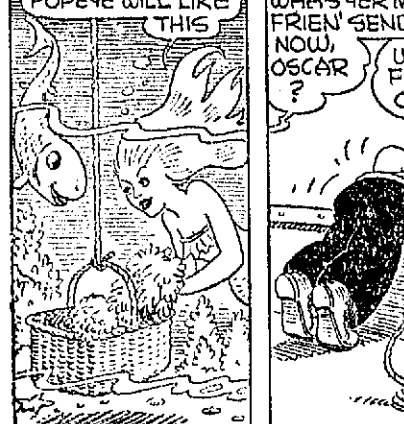
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Freckles and His Friends

By Merrill Blosser



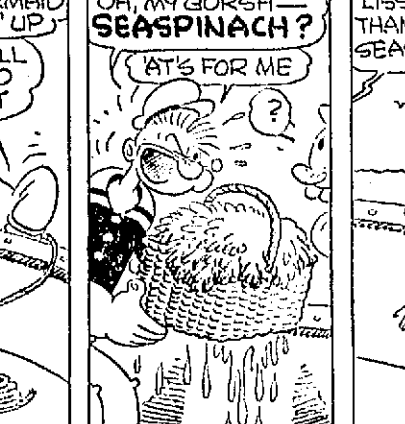
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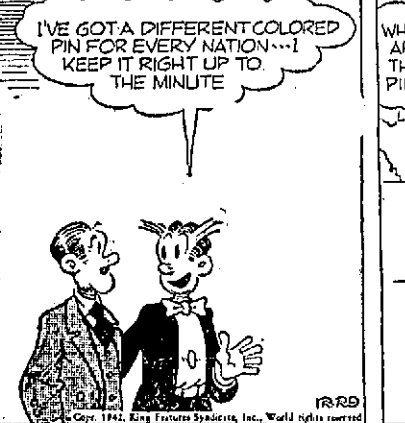
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Everybody's Doing It

By Merrill Blosser



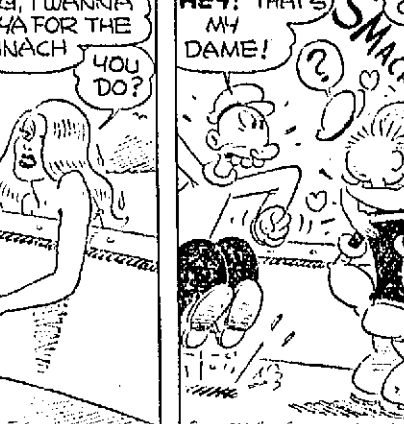
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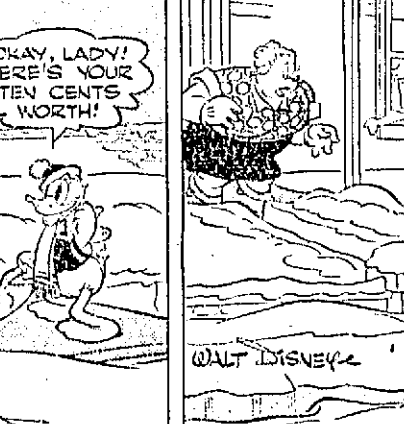
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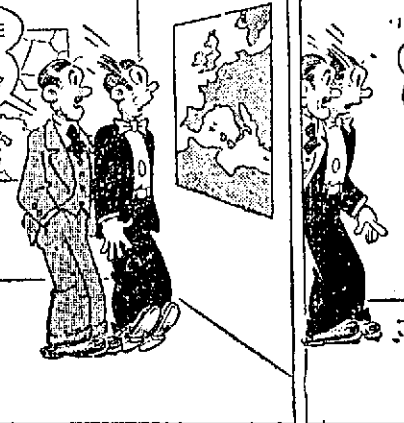
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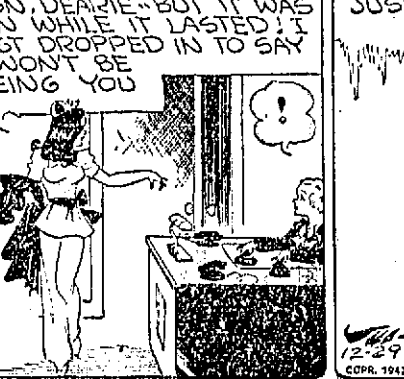
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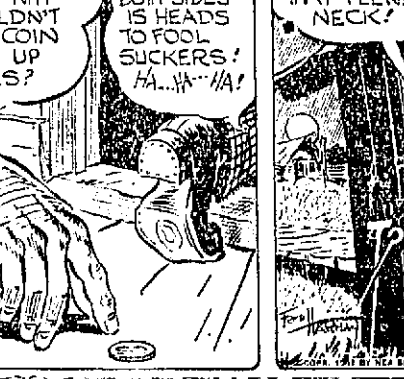
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UCLA Confident of Winning the Rose Bowl Game

By FRANK KRAWLEY
Pasadena, Calif., Dec. 29 — (AP) — UCLA's Bruins are coming up to the Rose Bowl game against Georgia Tech and confident and in their best physical condition of the year.

Coach Babe Horrell says he is well pleased with the way his squad has progressed in the last two weeks. He thinks Georgia is entitled to be the favorite on the basis of its record, admits the Southern's aerial game has him worried.

In talking to players of both teams, he says the Bruins will give a good account of themselves in the New Year's Day game. He says the Bruins are in the impression there is a healthy mutual respect but a supreme confidence by each in the ultimate result.

No amount of argument could convince the Bruins, for instance, that they don't have a better running attack than Georgia. Flatfoot Frank Sinkwich and Charlie Trippitt on the contrary notwithstanding. Some of them want to know who beat them on a dry field after Oct. 3, when the Navy Pre-Flights of St. Mary's turned the trick. Well, nobody.

Strictly in its own behalf Georgia cites the record: 2,551 yards gained rushing, 2,291 passing; average gain, 42.5 per game. In five of the 11 games played the Bruins gained more than 500 yards; in one the net was more than 600.

Furthermore, the Georgians, from Coach Wally Butts down, will have to be shown that their passing game can be bottled up. Butts says he anticipates a close game. Medicos looked at Sinkwich's injured ankles after yesterday's practice and said definitely he would play.

Jeff Cravath, University of Southern California coach, looked at Sinkwich and the Georgia team as they went through a light scrimmage. Said Jeff: "Wow! They look plenty good to me. They're fast and big. I hope somebody has warned Babe Horrell."

Said Sinkwich: "I feel pretty good. I missed one game as a sophomore because of a sprain. I'm going to play against UCLA. It's my last game for Georgia, and maybe you think I don't want it to be a good one."

Says Standard Type of Cage Play Unchange

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
New York, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Invasion of the cage by basketball teams from other sections has failed to standardize the type of play, Dr. P. C. (Phog) Allen of the University of Kansas, said today "but we will continue to come here to give our kids a trip and to get that check."

"Sectional styles of play differ more now than ever before," Allen continued at a luncheon attended by coaches from all corners of the nation, but we can get \$2,000 coming here compared with the \$300 we get for an NCAA tourney a theme."

Allen criticized the college coaches for attempting to stifle ideas brought forth by high school tutors.

"It is the high school coach, who is a teacher rather than an athlete, who has the idea and spends the time on research and those teacher-coaches are the backbone of the game."

James St. Clair of Southern Methodist university, head of the National Collegiate Association basketball rules committee, said he hoped there would be little rule changing during the war "but I can see no reason for freezing them for the duration. If there is something bad in the code, we should get it out at once."

His idea was seconded by Harold Olsen of Ohio State, who also listed Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana as the powerhouses of the Big Ten.

Frank Keane of Rhode Island State, whose team is striving for a record of two-points for every minute of action, took issue with Allen and said there was no need of standardizing the styles of play.

"Give the crowds action," Keane continued, "and if some coach puts up a screwy defense, use a screwy offense. Then if you lose, pivot and go home."

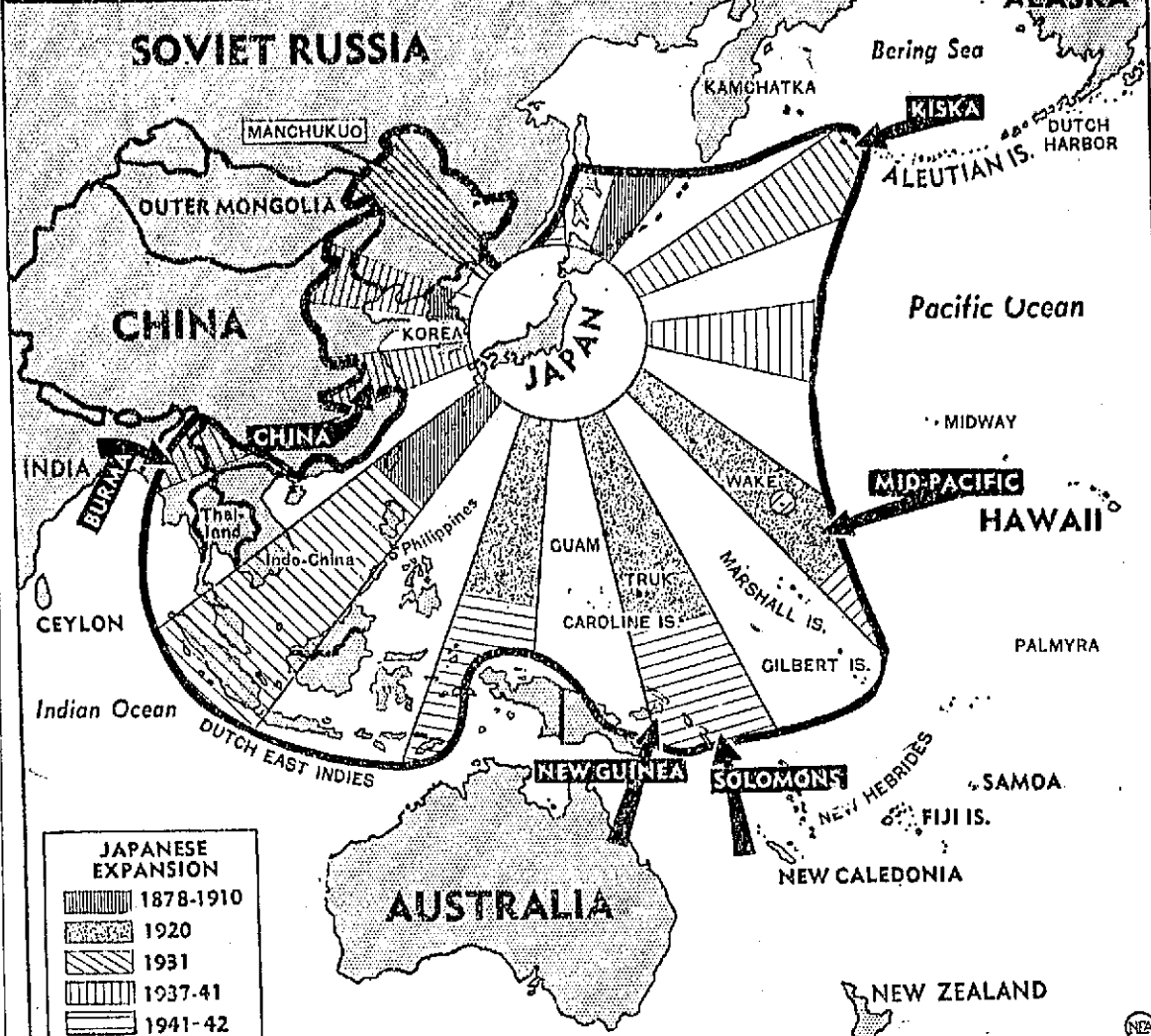
Erwin Holbrook, young Southern California mentor, and Jack Friel of Washington State, listed the University of Washington as the outstanding five on the west coast and Ev Shelton of Wyoming, rated Brigham Young as the Rocky Mountain best following Colorado's withdrawal from inter-collegiate athletics for the winter.

In concluding his argument that inter-sectional games hindered the development of basketball, Allen said he intended to follow the advice of another midwestern coach who suggested that the way to win in the east "is to forget all about plays, swing from the floor and play the post."

Boston Common Fence Removed For Scrap

Boston, Mass. (AP)—Part of that stately, 100-year-old fence around historic Boston Common has gone to war. About 1,100 feet of metal along Charles and Beacon streets was removed recently and added to the scrap pile. The salvaged iron weighed an estimated 120 tons.

JOB FOR '43: PUSH BACK THE JAP



RISE OF THE RISING SUN. In the 65 years since Japan was an island empire no bigger in area than the state of New Mexico, she has sent her rising sun's rays of conquest shooting out over an area of land and water three times the size of the U. S. More than half of this area was occupied in the past year, and it will be our job in 1943 to start retaking it. Already American and allied forces have begun heeling at the outer edges of Japan's ring of conquest, getting set to drive back the long, hard road to the heart of the enemy's empire.

Texas Team Is Heavier Than Georgia Tech

By HAROLD V. RATLIFF
Dallas, Tex., Dec. 28 — (AP) — Cagney old Bill Alexander admits he isn't very good at figures — especially when they concern this Georgia Tech football team in its game with Texas Friday.

"My team is lighter than Texas," he said as he watched his boys romp through a spirited session.

"But I don't know how much lighter. In fact, I don't keep up with things like weights. After all, you have certain boys and you have to play them and all that matters is what they do out on the field."

For Bill's information Texas will outweigh Georgia Tech more than nine pounds to the man.

This is for the probable starting lineups, with the Longhorns boasting an average of 192 and the Engineers showing 183.12.

But Anyway Alexander is quite serious about his third bowl game with Georgia Tech. To date the Rambling Wrecks haven't lost a decision and they've played in the Rose and Orange Bowls.

Bill scheduled two workouts daily until Thursday while Texas is in town only one.

Initial practice sessions indicated that while Texas would outweigh Georgia Tech, the Engineers would boast more speed. They're tall, wiry lads and there's sufficient heft at positions where weight is mostly needed.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Further proof that the immediate future of sports depends on the three-letter men — O.D.T. — comes from the travel travails the Toronto Maple Leafs went through to play a couple of week-end hockey games.

The saga involves a group of big hearted pals who saved up gas to drive the players from Toronto to Welland, Ont., icy roads that caused them to miss the local train at Welland, and eventual arrival at Buffalo just in time to make a four a.m. train for New York, where they played Sunday night.

"Maybe it was worth while — you should have heard those 15,500 New York fans when the Rangers finally beat the Leafs."

Then there's Coach Everett Shelton's explanation of why Wyoming is here to play basketball while Colorado had to call off its eastern trip: "Colorado applied for transportation and got turned down; we just got on a train and came."

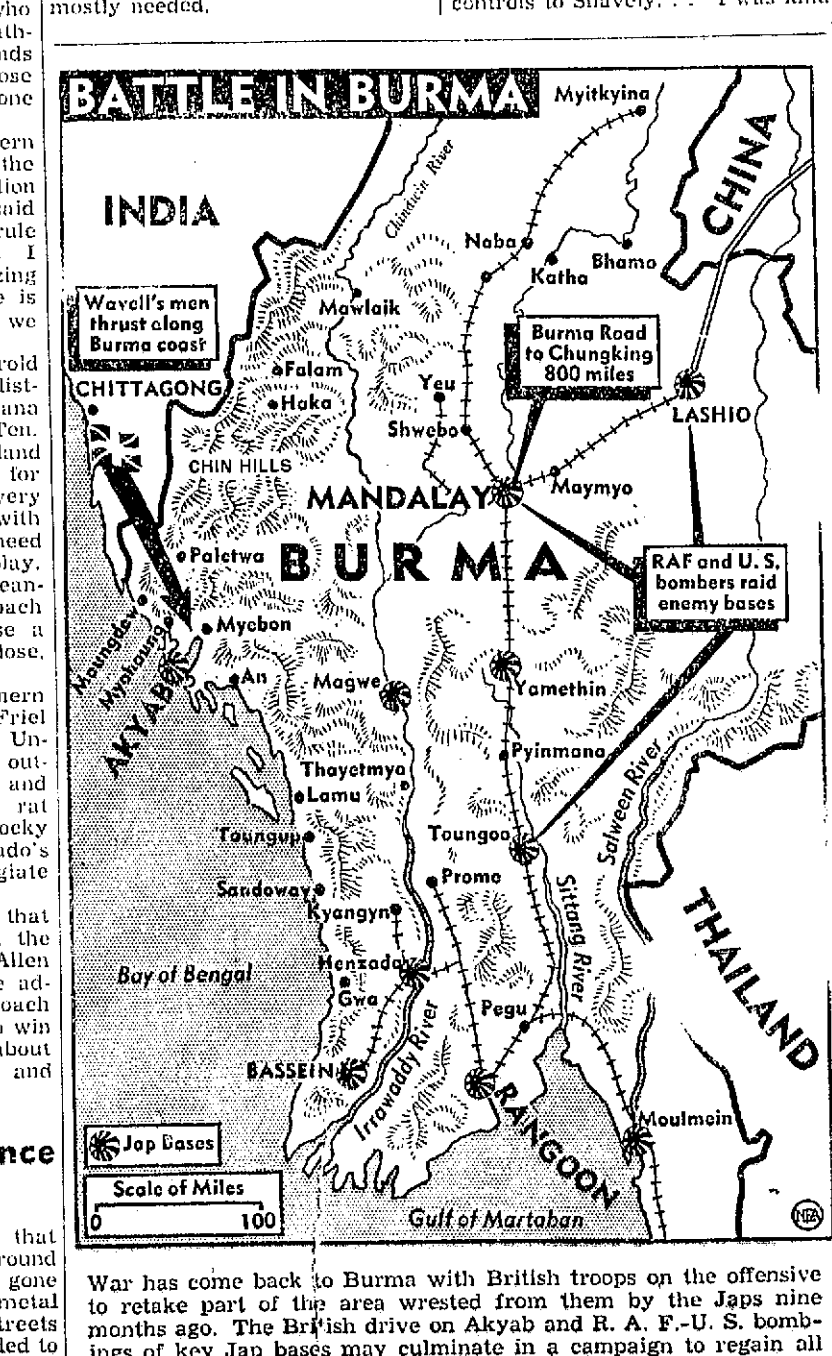
Just Plane Scared
Frank Kavanaugh, Cornell U. trainer, says he doesn't mind sitting on the bench with football Coach Carl Snavely, who is apt to get excited at the crucial moments, but when it comes to riding in an airplane with him is another matter. "While they were on a recent air trip, the pilot turned over the controls to Snavely. 'I was kind of scared,' Kavanaugh confessed. 'What if all of a sudden he thought up some football play? He would have forgotten what he was doing.'"

Courting Trouble
While the N.C.A.A. "business" meeting tomorrow is supposed to be merely a routine affair, some difficulty may develop about the basketball rules. Pointing out that his organization can't "freeze" the rules without the agreement of the high schools, Y.M.C.A. and other groups, Jim St. Clair of Southern Methodist, who heads the court committee, told New York writers yesterday: "I don't believe rules should be frozen if there are certain changes to be made."

Incidentally, the officials concerned won't say yes or no on whether they're planning an N.C.A.A. basketball tournament next spring.

Today's Guest Star
Gene Kemper, 0 Topeka (Kas.) capital: "No is prepared to guess it will come out that way, but the decision of Uncle Sam to plant officer candidates in some 200 colleges may merely do some juggling of athletic talent. Here's hoping Washburn, Kansas and Kansas State get an overdose of Big Ten football players."

Service Dept.
Although "varsity" athletics at the Navy pre-flight schools are suspended only nowdays, the North Carolina outfit will be allowed to use a few officers in its games at New York and Philadelphia. And Coach Dyke Reese won't have much to worry about until Gus Broberg, the former Dartmouth ace, is graduated. Sgt. Frank Strafaci, the golfer, sends word from down under: "These Aussies are bold in their play and more often than not get away with spectacular shots." Maybe they've been taking lessons from MacArthur.



War has come back to Burma with British troops on the offensive to retake part of the area wrested from them by the Japs nine months ago. The British drive on Akyab and in a R. A. F.-U. S. bombings of key Jap bases may culminate in a campaign to regain all of Burma and the vital supply link to China.

Major League Clubs to Train Close to Home

By HAROLD CLAASSEN
New York, Dec. 29 — (AP) — Although all is chaos right now, indications are that the 10 major league baseball teams will do their 1943 spring conditioning within a home run's length of their own ball parks.

Boston's Red Sox already have announced that their sweating out process will be done at Tufts University, at nearby Medford, probably the most northern point any major league club ever has used for a training site.

And it is likely the other clubs will follow suit.

Two rumors were rife in baseball circles today: 1. That ODT Director Joseph B. Eastman soon may issue a second order, definitely banning extended travel by the baseball clubs during the spring season; 2. That Commissioner K. M. Landis will call a joint major league meeting to study the situation.

William Harridge, president of the American League, said: "Nothing can be done until the spring training programs are straightened out. If the clubs believe they can train at home there's a possibility that the opening of the season (now set for April 13) may be delayed a couple of weeks."

Two requests from National League officials for prompt action in finding a way out of the quandary prompted President Ford Frick to say that "all clubs should work in unison and it would be a good idea to arrive at a conclusion as soon as possible."

Much of the confusion has resulted from the various interpretations given ODT Director Eastman's previous request that the clubs curtail their spring traveling.

Ed Barrow of the New York Yankees said Saturday his club would train at home if American teams did likewise.

Porkers Given Scare But Win Over Raiders

Oklahoma City, Dec. 29 — (AP) — A new champion will be crowned in the seventh annual Oklahoma City all-college basketball tournament but first round results left the followers of the big collegiate meet still wondering who would wear the laurel.

Texas Christian put a team of sharpshooters on the floor in a first round game yesterday to pick off the defending champions, West Texas State of Canyon, by a 45-42 margin.

In another upset the Pittsburgh, Kas., "Porkers" ousted Rice Institute of Houston, Tex., a pre-tournament favorite, by a 40-39 decision.

In a minor upset the Southeastern (Okla.) State eliminated Baylor University, a Southwestern conference entry, 40-30.

The Oklahoma Aggies, three-time winners of the meet, had things all their own way in disposing of the Springfield, Mo., Teachers, 34-29, in another first round game. The Aggies are a prime favorite.

Arkansas' Razorbacks were given a scare by the Red Raiders of Texas Tech but the Porkers, listed among the teams to beat, recovered for a 43-39 victory.

In other first round games Maryville, Mo., Teachers defeated Southwestern of Winfield, Kas., 37 - 36, Texas won from East Central (Okla.) State 55-51, in a heated contest, and Texas Wesleyan eliminated the only service team, the Norman, Okla., Naval Aviation Base, 34-24.

In quarter - final games today Texas Christian meets Southeastern at noon, Maryville plays Pittsburgh at 1:15 p.m. The Oklahoma Aggies and Texas clash at 2:30 p.m. and Arkansas plays Texas Wesleyan at 4:45 p.m.

Semi-finals will be played to night, the Texas-Oklahoma Aggie winner meeting the Texas Wesleyan-Arkansas victor and the Maryville-Pittsburgh survivor engaging the Southeastern - Texas Christian victor.

Losers of first round games open a consolation round. Drawings for these games include East Central vs. Springfield.

McCaskill

Miss Dorothy Sevedge of Ft. Smith school faculty spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sevedge.

Misses Evelyn Rhodes of Little Rock, and Leta Rhodes of Magnolia A. & M. College spent the Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wattle Hooker and Dexter Heese of El Dorado spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Reese.

Miss Mildred Rowland of Little Rock and Pvt. John F. Rowland spent Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Curtis and children of El Dorado visited relatives here this week.

Pvt. Arvin Kimbrough of Camp Chaffee spent Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. David Frith of Hope, Mrs. Watson Wilson of Prescott and Miss Grace Wortham of Little Rock visited their mother Mrs. Dora Wortham during the holidays.

Miss Velma Lee Hamilton of Marked Tree spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Moses visited relatives in Conway during the holidays.

Misses Freddie Harper and Johnnie Ball and Mary Wilma Honeycutt of Little Rock spent Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. Alton Freyburger of Blevins spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. May Hampton.

Mrs. Alvis Stokes of Delight and

WAAC at Work



One of first WAACS assigned to grease monkey work at Ft. Des Moines, Ia., is Corp. Gladys McKay of Los Angeles, here working on 2 1/2-ton Army truck.

County Quotas on New Farm Machinery

County quota of new farm machinery to be rationed by County Farm Machinery Rationing Committees under the State and County USDA War Boards are being announced today by the Hempstead County Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, according to Earl N. Martindale, Chairman.

Under Rationing Order C, issued by the Secretary of Agriculture, an over-all plan for rationing of new farm machinery and equipment has been worked out whereby such machinery and equipment in the hands of dealers are "unfrozen" and can be rationed by county farm machinery rationing committees.

For all practical purposes, Order C replaces previous Orders A and B with their amendments and places all machinery in two schedules. Items in Schedule I consist mainly of heavy farm machinery and all such items in the hands of dealers may be rationed by county rationing committees. Items in Schedule II consists mainly of horse-drawn small machinery and such items in the hands of dealers are not affected by quotas and are not subject to rationing. They may be sold by dealers without restrictions. The "freeze" however continues on Schedule II items in the hands of jobbers, manufacturers, and distributors until orders for distribution are conveyed to them.

In breaking down the state quotas into county quotas, the following items were taken into consideration: (1) Distribution of machines now on farms; (2) Percentage of machinery too old to use; (3) Recent machinery sales; (4) Distribution of acreage of all crops; (5) Distribution of acreage of special crops; (6) Distribution of special war crops planted, cultivated or

harvested by machines; (7) Size of farms by acres; (8) Change in acreage of special crops by areas; (9) Distribution of types of livestock such as horses, mules, etc.; (10) Distribution of produce sales such as whole milk; (11) Distribution of purchases of application of lime or fertilizer.

Farmers seeking new farm machinery or equipment must file an application with the county rationing committee showing their need for the equipment and where it can be purchased. In issuing certificates for purchase of new machinery or equipment, county rationing committees have a standard of use showing the amount of work that should be performed by the equipment for which application is made.

Eligibility for purchase is also based on such factors as inadequacy of present equipment proper distribution of old machinery and willingness to share equipment.

County quotas were not established for all machinery or equipment for which state quotas were established. In cases where there were insufficient machinery or equipment to make distribution to all counties in which such equipment or machinery is used, the entire state quota is held in a state reserve to be rationed by the State War Board.

County quotas for various items of new farm machinery and equipment are as follows:

Items	County Quotas
One horse single row corn and cotton planters	4
Listers (with and without planting attachment)	1
Grain Drills	1

Anybody Want To Be A Township Trustee?

Kansas City, Kas. (AP)—Muddled is the word for the political situation in Royal Township, Ford county.

W. W. Adams and Otis Snyder tied in an election for the post of township trustee. Neither claimed the office.

Weeks later county commissioners summoned both men. Only Adams showed up. The commissioners flipped a coin to decide the winner. Adams won.

Then he said he didn't want the office. He resigned and left.

The bewildered officials now are wondering if they can legally appoint Snyder to the job.

Drake Strait separates the South Pacific Ocean from the South Atlantic Ocean.

Moldboard plows—walking, one horse	2
Moldboard plows—walking, two horse and larger	2
Moldboard plows—tractor drawn or mounted	2
Spike tooth harrow	2
Spring tooth harrow	2
Disk harrow	2
Cultivator, one horse, walking	5
Cultivators, two horse, walking	4
Cultivators, tractor drawn	1
Tractors, wheel type	2
Farm Wagons	5
Combines—6 feet and less	1
Fertilizer distributors	2
Mowers—horse	2
Mowers—tractor	3
Rakes—dump	3
Rakes—side delivery	3

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The Byline of Dependability

Citizens and Legislators Agree on Necessity for Economy in Government

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series based on a cross-section poll of Arkansas citizens regarding six major topics that will confront the 1943 legislature. It is supplementary to a similar poll of members of the legislature on the same subject published last month.)

By ED. L. CAMPBELL, Associated Press Writer

The people and their chosen representatives see eye-to-eye on the subject of government economy if two opinion surveys by The Associated Press are criteria.

"How should the legislature handle the state budget—expand, curtail or revise it and by what means?"

When that question was addressed to the 35 members of the General Assembly, the 18 per cent responding were almost unanimous in declaring that the budget should be revised through personnel reductions and departmental consolidations.

When the same question was put to 155 bankers, business men, industrialists, farmers, labor leaders, women's club leaders, school leaders, city officials, county officials and consumers, the 22 per cent who replied were equally agreed.

At least 59 per cent declared for curtailment, 40 per cent for revision and the remaining one per cent favored leaving the present budget.

Typical of the expense choppers' comments were: "Reduce the personnel of every state department and cut out unnecessary commissions..." —Z. B. Thigpen, Russellville industrialist.

"Curtailed by reducing the personnel..." —Dave Burgauer, Hot Springs banker.

"I think the state budget should be curtailed in every way possible without eliminating any necessary services..." —W. L. Mason, Searcy school superintendent.

"The budget should be curtailed so as to hold the biennial expenditures within the contemplated income. This should, perhaps, be accomplished by a proportional or horizontal reduction of funds allotted to existing agencies rather than the elimination of any existing agencies..." —John P. Woods, Fort Smith consumer.

"I feel the state budget should be curtailed as much as possible and still keep the necessary services..." —Tax Assessor George F. Caudle, Fayetteville.

"The budget should be curtailed as much as is necessary to operate within the expected revenue. I am certain there are some activities or some jobs which are not essential..." —A. South Arkansas mayor, who asked his name be withheld.

"Reduce expenditures of all necessary departments to the minimum..." —Make no appropriation for any department which can be eliminated..." —Col. T. H. Barton, El Dorado oil man.

"Eliminate overlapping or duplication of services..." —A Hope housewife who declined to permit use of her name.

"Typical comments from the revisionists included: 'The state budget should be curtailed and revised, in the main, by cutting out unnecessary bureaus and Arkansas Bureaucrats...' —Mrs. W. A. G. Woodward, Magnolia consumer.

"Employees should work the time necessary to do the job, which would make less traveling expense and fewer employees..." —W. N. Truitt, Pine Bluff banker.

Administrative Costs Mentioned. "State budget should be revised by reducing administrative costs of highway funds, welfare funds, etc., and applying savings in excess of estimated shrinkage to funds for state hospitals..." —A Russellville

school leader.

"I do not think the budget should be increased. There are perhaps some expenditures not vitally necessary. These could be used to better advantage in necessary expenditures..." —A Stuttgart farmer.

The "status quo" group was represented by Chester Johnson, Camden labor leader, who said "I don't believe the present budget should be tampered with to any great extent."

Inasmuch as Governor Adkins also has declared for a program of economy, the signs seemed clear that the so-called "economy bloc" in the General Assembly would have things more to its liking next month than at any session since state spending started climbing from its depression low of 1933.

By ED. L. CAMPBELL, Little Rock, Dec. 29 —(AP) — Americans probably have never been more tax conscious than today when the government is reaching nearly every pocketbook to finance the war effort.

It was with an eye on the federal tax bill and an ear to the ground the members of the Arkansas legislature spoke when, in answer to an Associated Press poll, some 18 per cent of them declared against any suggestion that state taxes be increased or new taxes levied.

But that ground connection must have been faulty. Because a follow-up survey of public opinion by the Associated Press — a survey that brought a 22 per cent return from a list of 155 bankers, business men, industrialists, farmers, labor leaders, school leaders, women's club leaders, city officials, county officials and consumers — showed a slight but possibly important difference of opinion.

Nearly all the citizens, like the legislators, expressed opposition to levying any new taxes or increasing old ones. But while some legislators looked optimistically toward a possible tax reduction, only one of the citizens hinted at such a development. Twenty-five per cent of them, on the other hand, proposed that the tax base of existing levies be broadened.

The net effect of broadening a tax base, obviously, is to increase tax income and actually increase the tax load on the public.

Revelation of this apparently widely held attitude was one of the major developments of the supplementary survey.

The lone voice crying for tax reduction was that of Banker Charles H. Murphy, El Dorado, who wrote:

"I believe it is against the best interest of this state for the legislature to raise taxes. Furthermore, I believe it is the duty of the legislature to appoint appropriate committees to search for ways to reduce taxes. By strict adherence to economical administration, the huge debts that are being created can be paid. If we continue on a spendthrift basis, these government debts will never be paid."

But a Little Rock banker, who asked that his name be withheld, said that "the base of present levies should be considerably broadened in order that the citizens might realize the cost and be interested in the economy of state government."

A Hope business man said "If costs of state operations is reduced, the present levies may be adequate; if not, broaden the base

Pause for Prayer—Then Into the Night Skies



Symbolic of United Nations forces everywhere is this prayer scene at San Antonio, Tex., Army bombardier school. Flying Chaplain Lieut. Eugene F. McCahey blesses cadets before they set out on a night mission.

of present levies."

"Broaden the base of present levies," echoed Z. B. Thigpen, Russellville cooperage executive. But Col. T. H. Barton, El Dorado oil refiner, said the legislature "should levy no new tax and should not increase any existing tax."

A farmer respondent succinctly replied that due to increases in national taxes, "I would not increase state taxes at this time."

Cluster Johnson, Camden labor leader, expressed belief "there will be almost certain necessary changes in the tax set-up in order to keep our present standards of good government."

The feminine viewpoint, as expressed by a Hope housewife, was that "more equitable methods of asserting real and personal property and enforcement of collections" would solve the tax problem.

An educator's viewpoint, expressed by President George S. Benson of Harding College, Searcy, was that the legislature should neither levy new taxes, increase old ones or broaden the tax base.

"Federal taxes must continue to increase," he wrote. "The burden of paying for the war is going to be exceedingly heavy. Accordingly, we should economize at home enough to keep within the reduced income we must expect in tax income."

A mayor of one of the smaller cities said he was "opposed to any increase in existing taxes or the levy of any new taxes," but County Judge J. P. Strozier, Fort Smith, wrote that "broadening the base of our present levies and plugging a few loop-holes should take care of

U. S. Medical Service Said to Be Efficient

By GEORGE TUCKER

Cairo, Dec. 22 —(Delayed) —(AP) — Brigadier General David N. W. Grant, who played a lot of baseball with Eppa Jephtha Rixey when the old Cincinnati fireballer was curving them high wide and handsome for the University of Virginia, thinks the medical service of the U. S. Air Force was hit a new peak in efficiency and effectiveness.

The dust of the western desert still was on General Grant's blouse when he leaned against the fire place in an air force headquarters building and talked about his five-week inspection of the African fronts.

"I went over them with a fine-tooth comb," he said. "Our low sick and casualty rates prove we've got the best medical service in the world. Tropical diseases haven't bothered us. We are bothered only by the ordinary ailments we are used to at home. Our boys are getting the same personal attention our daddies got from the old family doctor."

The oddest injury I ran across was in central Africa. We caught up with a sick-and-injured car, and one of the men had a broken arm. When I asked him how it happened he said: "I fell off a giraffe, sir."

It seems there was a wild giraffe which insisted on making friends with the men in camp. He would come every day for salt. When he lowered his head to lick the salt, the men would jump on his neck. This would make him throw his head into the air and the men would slide down the giraffe's neck like a banister, till they got on his back. This poor chap didn't quite make it.

The general said he was impressed by the efficiency of the entire medical service. "Our duties," he disclosed, "are to care for the sick and wounded until they reach a hospital. Medical officers handling this work are experts. Their whole careers have been based on familiarity with illnesses peculiar to the air service, such as altitude sickness, air sickness, and sickness from working with oxygen."

"After a three-month special course the medical officers serve a full year with air units before they are able to qualify as flight surgeons. Our sole object is to keep the boys flying and in maximum physical condition. These boys are a long way from home, and we want their families to know the best is none too good for the lowest ranking man in the outfit."

Inspecting Army camps is an old story to this six foot, 190-pound, hazel-eyed Army doctor who got his medical degree at Virginia and went into the Army 27 years ago. Ribbons on his blouse, that run in a straight line under gold wings on which are superimposed the twin snakes of aduence, emblem of the medical profession, tell only part of the story.

One is for service in World War I. Another is for service before Pearl Harbor. A third signifies he

Problem Ahead Is Best Use of Men, Materials

From a year-end appraisal of our domestic economy, Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones here points to the major industrial problem for 1943.

By JESSE H. JONES, Secretary of Commerce (Written for NEA Service)

We are now in the second year of a world-wide struggle against ruthlessness and tyranny. The marked acceleration of industrial output since Pearl Harbor has carried our arms manufacture to first rank in American industry. Through the mobilization of our human and economic resources we are now sweeping forward along a wide economic front.

Our economy is now largely geared to the requirements of total war. The civilian worker is as important a factor in meeting the challenge of the aggressors as is the man in the field.

Income Increases. The results of our rapid conversion of the national economy from peace time to war-time needs is reflected in expansion of the gross national output of goods and services as well as in the sharp increase in employment since the beginning of 1942. The estimated national income has risen from \$35 billions in 1941 to a record high level estimated at over \$117 billions in 1942.

The accelerated utilization of manpower in the total war effort has lifted the estimated civilian labor force since our entry into the war from 59.2 millions to about 53 millions at present. In this process withdrawals of men from the work force by the armed services were more than offset by the reduction in the volume of unemployment and by an increase in the employment of newly recruited workers, largely women.

The conversion, still in progress of our industrial plant into a war machine has been made without any serious economic dislocations. Temporary slumps have occurred in the automobile and certain other final assembly industries during the process of war goods.

Flight Inflation. The sharp growth in employment over the year resulted in a flood of purchasing power which made it necessary that various controls be applied to assure the movement of materials and labor into war production. The relative decline in available consumers' goods necessitated the application of price controls and various supplementary measures. The rise in the cost of living has been kept relatively small by widespread price freezing under the general Maximum Price Regulation issued in April.

On our domestic front a continuous battle against inflation is being waged while the overpowering production of arms by American industry is now making its might felt on the battle fronts of the world.

As we enter 1943 our paramount problem centers on the most effective utilization of scarce manpower, scarce materials and scarce plant equipment, as well as the most effective use of small but efficient concerns which otherwise face extinction for lack of war orders.

was with the Army of occupation in Germany. "I was with the Army of Occupation two and half years," he recalled.

"How long do you intend to stay in Germany this time?" I asked. A slow smile broke over the general's face. "I'm not going to Germany this time. I'm going to Tokyo."

Washington

By JACK STINNETT, Wide World Features Writer

Washington — There's more to the abolishment of WPA than meets the eye.

This \$10,000,000,000 made work program — spawned in the depression — had dwindled to something around 300,000 employees, a generous percentage of them executives. Less than a year ago President Roosevelt asked Congress to continue the program. The other day he signed its death warrant. Soon WPA will be no more.

Long before rigro mortis set in on WPA, the story was out that W. Bruce MacNamee, director of the U. S. Travel Bureau, had actually asked for liquidation of his agency.

On the heels of these two facts came rumors that the President's 1943-44 budget message will contain a lot of "eliminations" of existing non-war agencies.

The economy drive on "non-defense" agencies has been gathering steam for months. In the sparthead has been Senator Harry P. Byrd of Virginia, chairman of the joint committee on non-essential federal expenditures. The 78th Congress, greatly increased in republican strength, is going to hammer away on non-defense economies and make a lot of to do about the "waste" in Administration handling of war contracts.

To beat them to the draw, the Administration is going overboard in getting rid of "nonessentials."

In dollars and cents, all this probably won't mean much to U. S. taxpayers, no matter who investigates it. The WPA or what was left of it, has been devoting its time lately entirely to projects identifiable as national defense.

Behind the scenes, war agencies are already scrapping to see who will "take over" WPA. It's personnel, tutored in the ways of government operation, would be valuable to half a dozen bureaus.

Some months ago, a Civil Service Commissioner told a Senate committee he would guarantee a job to any government employee who could demonstrate that the job he was holding should be abolished. Not only that, but the commissioner said he would guarantee that the new job would be a better one. This wasn't idle testimony. In spite of all the talk about "surplus" government employees, men who have to fill employment orders are still sweating. Turnover, resulting from dissatisfaction with federal pay, working conditions, etc., has made recurrent gaps in essential agencies. The draft has made more.

It's likely that a great many "no-

Scrap Queen



Looking like a fugitive from a surrealist's dream is Lydia Read, whose costume of discarded auto trimmings won her a prize in Los Angeles scrap drive.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN GOONS, Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — Walt Disney extends a gracious hand to Latin America in "Saludos Amigos," the first film result of the South American tour he made in 1941 with his party of artists and artisans.

It's the kind of hand, one imagines, that our southern neighbors have been wanting. There's friendliness in it, and humor, and appreciation — and none of Hollywood's past mistakes in the matter of a pretentious, graciouse "good neighbor" policy.

What we see is Disney and party skipping around South America with a color camera. Cutting the "live action" of the film there are four animated story-telling sequences.

Donald Duck, intrepid North American tourist, explores the wonders of Lake Titicaca, one of the highest bodies of water in the world, bordering Peru and Bolivia.

nessential" government agencies can be abolished without making any material difference in the federal payroll.

Your Doctor Bill Is Deductible On Income Tax—If Paid by Dec. 31

Don't Overlook the Fact That the Account Must Actually Be Paid Within the Calendar Year 1942 If Credit Is to Be Claimed Next March 15.

Only a few days are left to establish this necessary tax credit.

The federal income tax rate payable next March 15 is the highest in history and touches twice as many people as paid tax this year. You will need every legitimate deduction.

YOU WILL NOT ONLY PROTECT YOURSELF BUT WILL HELP YOUR DOCTOR MEET HIS OWN OBLIGATIONS BY SETTLING YOUR MEDICAL ACCOUNT BEFORE NEXT THURSDAY, DEC. 31.



The Doctors of Hempstead County

the situation."

O. P. Keadle, Conway, giving a consumer's view, said:

"New state taxes should not at this time be levied nor existing taxes increased. It is possible that the present levies could be broadened to carry on for the duration."

(Tomorrow: Liquor legislation.)

PUT EVERYTHING TO USE! DON'T WASTE!
What we are trying to do as a nation, is to put everything to use... to make every thing yield up the last ounce of good that can be squeezed out of it.
What you are trying to do as a housewife, is to turn into use, for the war, everything you can't use; keys, tin cans, fats—everything.

PENNEY'S

YEAR-END CLEAN-UP

NOW...

AND UNTIL CLOSING TIME, DEC. 31st

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO, AT PENNEY'S, is much the same: WE'RE CLEANING HOUSE of all the broken lots and tag ends that remain in our store after our Christmas selling; they're marked way down to, but many items of winter merchandise you need right now! That gives you a chance at HUNDREDS OF INCOMPARABLE BARGAINS.

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Men's White Dress

SHIRTS 50c

Boys' Overall

Only a Few Pair 50c

Boys' Dress

SHIRTS Not Many Left 50c

Remnants

Towel Ends

While They Last 7c

3 Only—Men's All Wool

COATS 3.00

Large Rack of Ladies

DRESSES Reduced

\$1 to \$4

Large Table Odds and Ends Reduced to Sell.

Short Length

Curtain Scrim

A Bargain

5c yd.

A Table of Children's

SHOES

50c

1 Only—Ladies

COAT

Size 12

5.00

Ladies

HATS

Reduced

25c

Boys' Dress

CAPS

25c

1 Only All Wool

Topcoat

Size 38 15.00